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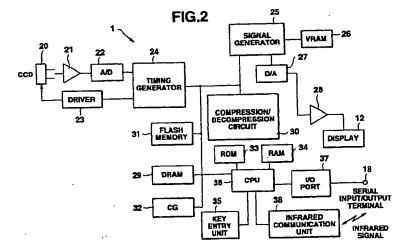
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## (54) Electronic camera having picture data output function

(57) A digital camera (1) stores captured picture data and E-mail address data inputted from a key entry unit (35) in a flash memory (31) so that they are associated with each other and then transfers the picture data and the E-mail address data to a personal computer via an I/O port (37) or an infrared communication unit (38). The personal computer receives the picture data and

the E-mail address data transferred from the digital camera via an I/O port or an infrared communication unit (45). The received picture data is then transmitted to a destination terminal on a computer network on the basis of the received E-mail address data.





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